

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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Eleven years ago, the United States was brutally attacked in a coordinated series of airborne assaults by foreign terrorists against the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center, and in Washington D.C. against the Pentagon and – had a courageous group of passengers not sacrificed their own lives to foil a fourth attack – potentially against even the White House itself.

In a matter of minutes, those attacks claimed the lives of nearly three thousand innocent Americans, with devastating effects on millions of others across the nation and throughout the world. The reverberations in the foreign policy realm and global economy still echo today.

In response, the United States declared war on the networks and individuals that support and carry out international terrorism, expressing our nation's most profound sorrow and respect for those who perished, and soberly acknowledging the magnitude of the threat not just to Americans, but to freedom and democracy everywhere.

On this solemn anniversary, we take the occasion to reaffirm our commitment to the defense of our nation, and to salute the members of the armed forces engaged

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today in what President Kennedy once called “a long twilight struggle” to oppose the forces of tyranny and oppression wherever they may be found.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 11, 2012, as “Patriot Day” throughout the County of Los Angeles, and encourages all County residents to reflect with pride on the courage and sacrifice in defense of freedom demonstrated by those in uniform, and

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors orders that all flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff on this day in memory and honor of those Americans who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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